की आधारशिला रखी थी। इसके पीछे उनकी परिकल्पना यह थी कि इस देश के दलित और शोषित वर्ग के लोगों के लिए इसकी स्थापना हो ताकि वे प्रतिभाशाली हो सकें और इन लोगों को राष्ट्रीय धारा में जोड़ा जा सके। महोदया, पिछली सरकार ने अम्बेदकर जयंती को सामाजिक न्याय वर्ष मनाने की घोषणा की थी किंतु जब इस विश्वविद्यालय के निर्माण का कार्य चल रहा था, चारदीवारी भी कुछ हद तक बन चुकी थी तो उस सरकार को इस प्रश्न पर शायद राजनीतिक गंध इसलिए महसूस हुई क्योंकि इस विश्वविद्यालय का शिलान्यास स्वर्गीय राजीव गांधी जी के कर-कमलों द्वारा हुआ था। जो काम चल रहा था उस को रोक दिया गया। जब तक पिछली सरकार वहां पर रही तब तक एक इंच भी काम आगे नहीं बढ़ा। मैं सरकार का ध्यान आकर्षित करना चाहता हूं और निवेदन करना चाहता हूं कि राजीव जी ने जिसकी आधार शिला रखी थी, जिसके पीछे सामाजिक न्याय दिलाने की उनकी कल्पना थी, उनकी भावनाओं को साकार करने के लिए निश्चित रूप से इस विश्वविद्यालय के काम को आगे बढ़ाया जाए ताकि जो लोग बाबा साहब के नाम पर घड़ियाली आंसू बहा रहे थे और काम नहीं कर सके उनको भी पता लग जाए कि उन्होंने भूल की है। 1991 के अंत तक जिस योजना को पूरा करना था, 104 करोड़ रुपए जिस पर खर्च करने थे उस काम को न करने और धीरे-धीरे करने से उसके खर्चे में भी वृद्धि होगी। इसलिए सरकार से मेरा आग्रह है कि इस विश्वविद्यालय के निर्माण कार्य को पुनः आरंभ किए जाने के संबंध में आवश्यक कार्यवाही करें।

इन्हीं शब्दों के साथ मैं अपनी बात समाप्त करता हूं। धन्यवाद।

REFERENCE TO TAPPING OF TELEPHONES

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA (Karnataka): Madam, thank you very much for giving me this opportunity.

Madam, this is regarding performing my duties as a Member of parliament. Actually, yesterday the issue of tapping of telephones in Karnataka was raised. I was not present at that time. But my name is also listed. I am one of them whose telephone is being tapped—by whom, I do not know...

AN HON. MEMBER: By the Chief Minister. (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Is it fortunate or unfortunate?

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: That the time will prove. I do not want to give any adjective to that incident. But my Chief Minister said: I am not doing this but if the Centre is doing I do not know. So he has thrown the ball to the court of the Centre. I do not know whether I am under suveillance by the Government of India I want only his much clarification from the Government. I should know where I stand. I want this clarification from the Communication Department whether my.. (*Interruptions*)

AN HON. MINISTER: The Home Ministry.

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: The Home Minister is present here. He is taking note of it. (*Interruptions*) Don't provoke me. Madam, I request the Government to come out whether this tapping of telephones is there, whether politicians are involved, whether as a Member of parliament my telephone is being tapped. I want to seek this clarification whether I am free to perform my duties as a Member of Parliament.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Are you sure it is being tappped?

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: The Press has reported that my name is there. (*Interruptions*)

SOME HON. MEMBERS: It is very serious.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA (Bihar): It is a privilege of the House. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY (Uttar Pradesh): Madam Chairperson, I raised this issue yesterday. I want to know whether it is fact that telephones have been tapped or not, whether it is being done by the local Government or by the Centre. (*Interruptions*)

AN HON. MEMBER: Not oney in karnataka but in Tamil Nadu also. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA (West Bengal): What about Members of the Opposition? He is a member belonging to the Opposition? If this is the way a member belonging to the ruling party is treated, what about the condition of functioning of the Government? This you can very well imagine. What is the condition in which we are put to work. It is a serious condition.

The Government must say something on this. And we must be assured that Members of Parliament will be allowed to act in a democratic way. (*Interruptions*)

AN HON. MEMBER: I want to give a serious and startling news that telephones in Tamil Nadu.. (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Go back to your seats, please. I can hear you from there. (*Interruptions*) Just a minute. (*Interruptions*) Order, please. (*Interruptions*) I would tell the Members that if they speak from the last benches also their statement is as serious as when they speak from the front benches..(*Interruptions*)

DR. BAPU KALDATE (Maharasthra): When Shri Hanumanthappa raised it, the Leader of the House was about to respond. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI YASWANT SINHA: That is being done by the Chief Minister. The Chief Minister of that State has said that it is being done by the Central Government. It is the Chief Minister, not us making this allegation. (*Interruptions*).

DR. BAPU KALDATE: Mr. Hanumanthappa, you are saying that the ball is in the court of the Central Government. What we are expecting from him is whether the ball is in their court or not.

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): Madam Deputy Chairman, so far as the Home Ministry is concerned, I can say without any fear of contradiction that there are no orders issued by the Home Ministry to tap the telephones of the hon. Members. And on the other hand, I would like to assure the hon. Members that I will find out from the Communications Ministry as to how far this is true that the telephones of the hon. Members are are being tapped. If that is a fact, certainly, we would like to understand on whose instructions these telephones are being tapped. So far as the Home Ministry is concerned, we tap the telephone only for getting the information about the criminals. You can get information..(*Interruptions*).

DR. BAPU KALDATE: So, we are not in that category.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Madam, will the Home Minister come back and tell us by this evening..(*Interruptions*).

SHRI S. B. CHAVAN. I hope you will bear with me. I will try to collect..(*Interruptions*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Dipen Ghosh if you talk of decorum he is on his legs, let him finish, then you can ask whatever you want.

SHRI S. B. CHAVAN : I will ask the Communications Minister to get information for all the States. If I find that the telephones of some of the hon. Members are being tapped, then I would ask him as to who has given the authority to tap the telephones. Then whatever action is called for, certainly, we will take.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Now, I think, whatever you wanted to.....(*Interruptions*)

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN (Tamil Nadu) : I am on a point of order.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : You cannot ask a point of order when there is nothing. Let him speak. (*Interruptions*). Mrs. Natarajan, let me find out what they are saying. Let me see first. (*Interruptions*). I will allow you. Please take your seat. (*Interruptions*). Please sit down. I don't know his mind. You come from his state you might be knowing. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN (Tamil Nadu): Madam she cannot prevent me from speaking. I must have my say. Madam, we have got a reliable information that the phones of former Chief Minister Dr. Kalaignar, our General secretary Dr. Anbazhagan our party leader Mr. Murasoli Maran and also the sitting Members Shri T.R. Balu and Shri V. Gopalsamy, are being tapped. I seriously make a protest and raise it is a privilege issue also. Therefore, we want the reaction of the Home Minister. (*Interruptions*). This is a very serious matter. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI M. VINCENT (Tamil Nadu) : This sort of thing..(*Interruptions*)

SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN : What is this ? Madam, you have allowed me to speak but he is speaking. (*Interruptions*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Mr. Vincent, please sit down. Please take your seat. (*Interruptions*) I am warning you; don't interrupt. Please take your seats. I will allow you; but first let him complete. Allow him to speak.

SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN : We can also do the same thing. This is becoming a habit for them. Let me complete first and then they can also have their own say.

So, my point is, the telephones of the former Chief Minister, of our General Secretary, of Mr. Murasoli Maran, of Mr. V. Gopalsamy and Mr. T.R. Balu and also of Mr. Arcot Veerasamy, are being tapped at the instance of the State Government since Miss Jayalalitha assumed office. We want the reaction of the Minister and we want suitable action to be taken otherwise I am going to raise a privilege issue..(*Interruptions*)

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN : Please allow me to speak ..(*Interruptions*)

SHRI M.A. BABY (Kerala) : There should be no discrimination. Telephones of all Members should be tapped.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The Home Minister has already given an asurance. Before you spoke, the Home Minister gave a general assurance; he cannot go into specifics. He said that he will find out, but he cannot say about specific case of either your telephone or my telephone or anybody else's telephone.

SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN : But we pointed out specifically that these are the persons whose telephones are being tapped. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI M.S. GURUPADA-SWAMY (Uttar Pradesh) : I welcome the statement made by the Home Minister .. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN : We want Home Minister's reaction in this regard.

SHRI M.S. GURUPADA-SWAMY : Let him make a comprehensive statement, including Tamil Nadu .. (*Interruptions*).

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN : I want to say that the charges that have been levelled by the hon. Member arbutterly baseless. The State Government has already denied it. They have filed a suit for defamation.. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: There is no suit They have not filed any suit at all ..(*Interruptions*). What is this ? How is she behaving ? (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Now the matter is closed. please go back to your seats. The matter is closed for me. Anything spoken on this will not go on record and will not be reported in the press also.. (*Interruptions*). Don't challenge me; go back to your seats. That matter is over. Nothing will be recorded. I cannot permit this kind of behaviour, If ten people are going to speak together, I am not going to allow it on record and this will also not appear in the press. Please go back to your seats. Don't keep on coming to other places. This is not the way.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN : Therefore, Madam, the charge is totally baseless. My point is simple. They do not have the originality. They could wait for the Bangarappa issue to come up My point is, the Chief Minister has already denied it. They have filed a suit for defamation. The charges are incorrect. Apart from that, I want to ask the Home Minister to also let us know if any connection with the LTTE has been found in the State or anywhere else in the country and whether they will scrutinise that as well because that could be a reason why their phone are being tapped.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Mr. Gurudas Das Gupta, please.. (*Interruptions*) Just a minute. I have asked Mr. Vincent to speak.

SHRI M. VINCENT : Madam, the Government of Tamil Nadu had totally denied the allegation which the hon. Member Shri Venkatraman raised in this House. The Government has categorically stated that they had not tapped anybody's telephone. Now, the Government has decided to file a defamation case against Aladi Aruna, the man of cheap popularity, for making false allegations.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : You cannot take the names of people who are not present here. Don't mention the names of people who can not defend themselves.

SHRI M. VINCENT : Yes. The DMK charges are politically motivated. There is not even an iota of truth in their charges. The DMK chapter is once and for all closed in Tamil

Nadu. They are annihiliated in the political field. Then, where is the question of tapping their telephones? I totally deny their false allegations.. (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, the matter is closed.

SHRI T.A. MOHAMMED SAQHY (Tamil Nadu) : We are still the heroes of Tamil Nadu.

SHRI M. VINCENT : They are not heroes but zeros in Tamil Nadu. They are zeros in the Lok Sabha as well.

SHRI T.A. MOHAMMED SAQHY : We know who is zero and who is the hero.

SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN : We have got 75 lakh votes, not one or two.

SHRI M. VINCENT : Madam, I want to raise a point of order.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : There is no point of order. I am not allowing any point of order.. (*Interruptions*) Mr. Vincent, the matter is closed. We are not discussing mathematics that we talk about zero, one, two etc. I have got lots of business. The Statutory Resolution by Shri S. S. Ahluwalia, Shri Subramanian Swamy regarding the Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) (Amendment) Ordinance, 1991.

REFERENCE TO ALLEGED VIOLATION OF ANTI- DEFECTION LAW BY A RULING PARTY MEMBER

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA (West Bengal) : I seek a clarification from the Chair and also seek a clarification from the Chairman. Yesterday, we had an unique experience. The Government was defeated on the the basis of a resolution moved by Member belonging to the ruling party. It is redundant whether that Member wanted to withdraw the resolution. But the fact remains that a Member belonging to the ruling party had tabled the resolution opposing the Government's motion (*Interruptions*) I have my point. Let me clarify..(*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : I have not heard anything. Please let me hear what he says. Are you speaking in relation to the business I announced just now ?

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA My point is whether a Member belonging to the ruling party can table a statutory resolution opposing the Government's motion because it tantamounts to violation of the whip If the whip has been vilated, it naturally attracts the provisions of the Anti-Defection Law. Therefore, I would like to get a clarification from you whether it tantamounts to violation..(*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : He is asking me, not you. Let me give my opinion.

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SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: This is very important, Madam. We all belong to different parties. If the party that runs the Government allows its Member to table are Statutory Resolution against a Government Motion and if that Resolution is carried by the House, it tantamounts to violation of the whip. Therefore, I would like to know whether there was any whip, whether that whip was violated and if it had been violated, whether it attracts the provisions of the anti-defection law ?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Gurudas Das Gupta, this is a matter concerning the Congress